

From the President: Jay Pienta, 309-786-1364

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2421 BIG ISLAND PARKWAY, MILAN IL.

**ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION
CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Flooding is over and the club grounds is back in business for the fishing, kayaking, camping, picnicking, hiking, etc. The weather has been great so now is the time to enjoy the outdoors before we have to shovel snow again!

As always, respect the club grounds and pick up after yourselves. Like all good scouts say: leave your area better than when you came.

Please take a moment to review the Caretaker's report. Jared has a lot to say in this newsletter! Also plan to volunteer for a hour or two at our 75th Anniversary Picnic this year! If you have a raffle item or silent auction item to donate, please give Sue a call at 309-786-1364. If you have an idea or would like to volunteer your time to help with the picnic, please give Barb Aney a call 563-386-2801. Barb needs help-ers with serving the food for the dinner, games, wingo, bags tournaments etc.

Now, on to the RICC news!

Jay

MEMBERSHIPS: Troy 563-381-7715 Jay Pienta 309-786-1364

The RICC is having a onetime special membership promotion for the month of August! You can get a 2014 Membership for the low price of \$25.00! This is for a General—one vote or Senior one vote membership! You must purchase your membership on or before August 31—no exceptions to this rule.

Call the club, Troy or Jay to get your membership today!

Now is the time to invite those friends and family members that have always wondered about the club, but haven't gotten a membership yet. In fact for that price, you can purchase a membership for a friend to enjoy!

Newsletters: If you have email only to receive your newsletter, please make sure you are letting me know if there is a change to your email address. Or call or email if you do not received a monthly newsletter so we can check on why you may have been missed. You can always view the newsletters at the www.RICCnews.com website also.

Email—riccpresident@aol.com or call the club 309-787-4770

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB?



AUGUST

Club Meeting: 19
Euchre: 8 & 22

SEPTEMBER

GHS: 4 & 6
Club Meeting: 16
Euchre: 12 & 26
Club Picnic: 13th

RICC Picnic Saturday September 13

Barb Aney Picnic Chairperson: 563-386-2801



Do you have a group that has a following that we can highlight at our picnic this year?

Do you have an idea on how we make this more of a community event?

Would you be willing to be part of a team of people that are working on making our 75th year something special?

The Picnic committee has a few people starting to make this picnic a stellar one, but we need your help, your contacts, your ideas and anything else you can think to make this day a fun day!

If you would like to be part of our team, please email riccpresident@aol.com with your name and phone no. The committee will be in touch. Or you can call Jay at 309-786-1364 We are also in need of Silent Auction items! Please call if you have a donation for the silent auction or raffle table.

The picnic is only as good as the volunteers willing to put in a little time to make it special. Please plan to share your ideas with our picnic staff.

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Here's our plans so far: Events may be added or deleted based on volunteers.

DATE: Saturday September 13th

PICNIC TIME: 11:00 - 4:00

LUNCH SERVED: 11:00 - 1:00

LUNCH: Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert COST: \$6.00

RAFFLE BAR WILL BE OPEN Come and bring your own Picnic Lunch!

SILENT AUCTION MUSIC CASTING CONTEST (KIDS and ADULTS)

ADULT GAMES KIDS GAMES

MILAN FIRE DEPARTMENT BAGS TOURNAMENT

Consider helping us make our 75th Year Picnic the Best!

RICC Scholarship: Dick Narske

The RICC presents two \$1000 scholarships per year to Jr. and Senior college students pursuing the field of Conservation. This year only one student applied and was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Anna Pienta is in her 4th year of studying Environmental Science. Anna is also a Board of Director for the RICC and is very active in our club.

Please help us get the word out on our scholarships. As a parent of a college student, ANY money to assist with the expenses is welcomed.

The scholarship application will be added to our website in the coming months for you to share with college students.

CARETAKER'S REPORT: *Jared 787-4770*

FLOODING IS OVER , CAMPING IS BACK ON!

Except for a couple of areas, the club grounds are pretty much back to normal. Both docks were uprooted and floated to other areas of the club. Thanks for a group of members, the main dock was moved back to the its normal area but not secured yet until the water recedes a little more. The dock from the west lake will need to be moved and placed using a tow truck.

The grounds continue to need cleanup of branches and wood logs. Please stay off areas that still need drying out.

There will be no more dumping of any bricks, rocks, or any other building materials until further notice! The area that is used for excess materials is full, and until we figure a way to move the material, there will be no more dumping. Anyone caught dumping rock type materials or any other materials anywhere on club grounds without my approval will be turned over to the board of directors for action.

Boat Racks: During this wave of floods, some members who had their boats assigned to a particular boat rack, did not remove their boats before the flood waters came in. The contract that you signed stated that the member is responsible for removal of their boat prior to any flooding and it is their responsibility to monitor flooding and to move their boat. Failure to move your boats can cause damage to the racks due to the rising waters. The club does not have the money to replace the racks and damage can be assessed to the owners of the boats.

During the next flood, every effort will be made to contact the owners and inform them that they need to move their boat. IF I have to step into water to remove your boat due to flooding, your boat will be removed and placed in lockup and you will be fined \$50.00. You will need to either pay your fine or bring the issue up in front of the board of directors. There are reason for rules, and we need to follow them. Please help us protect our boat racks to avoid any damages. Any questions, you can call me. *Jared*

Blood Drive had a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who gave the "gift of life"!

Gun Hunter Safety Class—Sept. 4 & 6

The GHS class is in need of additional volunteers to help instruct students on the importance of following safe gun handling. If you are interested in helping out, please call Jim Garcia at 309-787-1242. Thanks!

(2014) ROCK ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB (2014)
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION (PRINT CLEARLY)

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 1 Voting Right: **\$50.00** _____

FAMILY Membership: (Member, Legally Recognized Partner, Children under 18yrs), 2 Voting Rights: \$75.00 _____

SENIOR Membership: Member 65 +, Legally Recognized Partner, Grd Children under 18yrs, 1 Voting Right: **\$40.00** _____

Remarks: _____

Extra Sticker: **\$3.00** _____ (1 Extra allowed)

You will receive one membership sticker with payment. (1) ONE additional car sticker can be purchased at a cost of \$3.00. You must have the sticker affixed to your windshield directly behind the rear view mirror and your membership card must be in your possession when on Club property. Memberships valid: JAN 1, 2014– DEC 31, 2014

Circle the events that you would be willing to help out with. Call me to help out with the following events:

Annual picnic__ QCCA events__ Hunter Safety Clinics__ Call Me__ Blood Drive(Give/help)__ Easter Party__ Halloween Party__ Christmas Party__

Would you like to receive the Club's Newsletter via Email? Y__ N__ Be on the list to receive E-GRAMS? Y__

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

RICC MEMBERSHIP CHAIR P.O. BOX 3733 ROCK ISLAND, IL. 61204-3733